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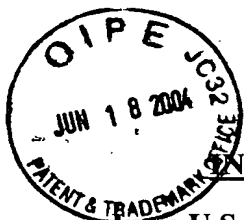
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2004, the period for response to which expires on June 22, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:



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COVER LETTER

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[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

FOR	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE	CLAIMS PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	15	12	(Over 20)	x \$18	0
Independent Claims	3	4	1 (Over 3)	x \$86	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$290	0
REDUCTION FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). IF APPLICABLE, VERIFIED STATEMENT MUST BE ATTACHED					
TOTAL					0.00

In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

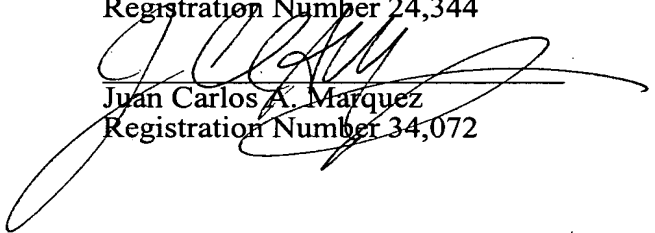
[x] Response to Office Action
w/ claim amendments
[] Substitute Specification
[] Preliminary Amendment
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[] Petition for Extension of Time
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[] Petition under _____

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